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TOPIC Soviet Troops Departing from Szombathely and Moermend

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1. Soviet troops were withdrawn from Szombathely (P 48/C 78) between 25 and 27 April 1950. Railroadmen said that fourteen trains, including three trains carrying tanks, left Szombathely heading toward the Soviet border. Local residents, however, believed that the troops had gone to Hajmasker (P 48/D 75) to conduct their annual field exercises. The former Gendarmerie Barracks and the Cavalry Barracks were vacant.*

2. Soviet troops vacated the Moermend (P 48/C 76) castle, taking their billeting equipment with them. Only a few Russians remained in the Torona Hotel.

* Comment. The report checks with a previous report which indicated that in late April 1950 component units of the 17th G s -ecz Div stationed in the Szombathely area moved to the Hajmasker troop training grounds, as they did in 1949.

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